

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph (section) beginning on page 21, at line 16 as shown below:

The pump-motor 22 also includes a rotating valve plate 260, shown assembled with the pump-motor 22 in Figure 15A and isolated in Figures 17A and 17B. The valve plate 260 alternately includes six apertures 262, which communicate with the high pressure port 228, and six apertures 264, which communicate with the low pressure port 230. The valve plate 260 provides a fluid path between the cylinders 242 and the high pressure port 228 when corresponding pistons 240 are in a power stroke, and between the cylinders 242 and the low pressure port 230 when corresponding pistons are in an exhaust stroke. This facilitates operation of the pump-motor 22 as a ~~[[pump]]~~ motor.

Please amend the paragraph (section) beginning on page 21, at line 25 as shown below:

The valve plate 260 can also provide a fluid path between the cylinders 242 and the high pressure port 228 when corresponding pistons 240 are in an exhaust stroke, and between the cylinders 242 and the low pressure port 230 when corresponding pistons are in a power stroke. This facilitates operation of the pump-motor 22 as a ~~motor~~ pump. Fluid paths 263, 265 are shown in Figure 15A in the second housing portion 234. The fluid paths 263, 265, and others not shown, facilitate the fluid transfer between the cylinders 242 and the apertures 262, 264 of the valve plate 260.